No. 8500120

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'S15-50'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

Attest:

Kenneth B. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

John R Block
Secretary of Agriculture

APPROVAL EXPIRES 4-30-85

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	3. VARIETY NAME
Northrup King Co.	907465	S15-50

4. ADDRESS *(Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*	5. PHONE *(Include area code)*	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440	612-781-8011	PVPO NUMBER 8500120

6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME	7. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*	FILING	DATE / TIME
Glycine max	Leguminosae		DATE 4/26/85 TIME 2:30 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

8. KIND NAME	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION	FEES RECEIVED	AMOUNT FOR FILING / DATE
Soybean	March, 1984		$ 1,800 DATE 4/26/85

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(Corporation, partnership, association, etc.)*

Corporation

AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE: $ 200
DATE: 9/30/85

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION	12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
Delaware	1896

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

Robert W. Romig
Northrup King Co.
P. O. Box 959
Minneapolis, MN 55440

612-781-5305
PHONE *(Include area code)*:

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED

a. ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety *(See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)*
b. ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
c. ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety *(Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)*
d. ☒ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
e. ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? *(See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)* ☐ Yes *(If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below)* ☒ No

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?	17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Foundation ☐ Registered ☐ Certified

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?

☐ Yes *(If "Yes," give date)*

☒ No

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

☒ Yes *(If "Yes," give names of countries and dates)*

Canada, 1985

☐ No

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
Robert W. Romig	4/23/85
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

FORM WA-470 (7-84) (Edition of 3-84 is obsolete.)

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EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

1976-78 The Northrup King soybean research group at Washington, IA, made crosses between Phytophthora resistant F_3 plants selected from the cross [('Mack' x 'Corsoy') x 'B216'] x B216 and from the cross 'S1244' x Mack. The resulting population was advanced to F_6. In 1978, we harvested 100 plants and threshed them individually.

1979 We grew each of the 100 plant selections in an F_7 progeny row. One of these, numbered 907465, was chosen on the basis of agronomic appearance and Group I maturity to be tested in a preliminary yield trial. This line was subsequently named S15-50.

1980-82 We tested S15-50 in replicated yield trials at several midwestern locations and found it to yield well in comparison to other Group I varieties. We identified and confirmed the descriptive characteristics purple flower color, gray pubescence, brown pods, gray hilum color, and dull seedcoat luster.

We tested S15-50 for reaction to Race 3 of Phytophthora megasperma by inoculation of detached cotyledons and found it to be resistant. Subsequent screening with Races 1 (resistant), 4 (susceptible), and 7 (resistant), together with testing in fields where Phytophthora root rot was prevalent, confirm that S15-50 contains the Rps_1^c gene for resistance.

In 1982 we began purification and seed increase from 500 grams of carefully hand-rogued seed. We removed all plants not conforming to the variety description by roguing the increase block several times. Growth and maturity were uniform.

1983-84 We continued to test S15-50 in advanced yield trials to confirm descriptive characteristics, yield, and maturity.

We grew Breeder Seed of S15-50 in 1983 from the initial increase made in 1982. The field was rogued several times. We produced Foundation Seed of S15-50 in 1984. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association inspected the field and found it to meet the requirements for Foundation Seed. S15-50 was approved for eligibility for certification by the National Soybean Variety Review Board on December 6, 1984.

S15-50 is a stable and uniform soybean variety. We have observed no variants in five years of testing and three years of seed increase other than minor, environmentally induced variation normally encountered in a soybean variety.

We will maintain varietal purity by use of progeny rows as needed.

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement for the Variety

Soybean variety S15-50 is most similar to Hardin and S18-84. It can be differentiated from Hardin on the basis of reaction to Race 3 of Phytophthora megasperma, S15-50 is resistant, Hardin is susceptible. S15-50 can be differentiated from S18-84 on the basis of flower color. S15-50 has purple flowers, S18-84 has white flowers. In addition, gray hilum color differentiates S15-50 from these and most other Group I varieties.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.*)*

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
Northrup King Co.	907465	S15-50

ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*

P. O. Box 959
Minneapolis, MN 55440
Attention: Robert Romig

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Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]).

1. SEED SHAPE:

[3]

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other *(Specify)* _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[1] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

[1][3] Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[4] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other *(Specify)* _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

[2] 1 = Low 2 = High

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

[2] 1 = Type A ($SP1^a$) 2 = Type B ($SP1^b$)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

[4] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other *(Specify)* _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

[2] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

[2] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

[2] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

[1] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

17. PLANT HABIT:

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

[ ][4] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

[ ] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis)*

[1] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

[ ] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

[1] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

[ ] Race 1 [ ] Race 2 [ ] Race 3 [ ] Race 4 [ ] Race 5 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[ ] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[ ] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica)*

[ ] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

[1] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[ ] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora)*

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

[1] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae)*

[1] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[ ] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae)*

[2] Race 1 [2] Race 2 [2] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [1] Race 5 [2] Race 6 [2] Race 7

[2] Race 8 [2] Race 9 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

[ ] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[ ] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

[ ] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[ ] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

[ ] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

[ ] Race 1 [ ] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[ ] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

[ ] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

[ ] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[ ] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[ ] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[ ] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM *(Specify):* _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[1] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[ ] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna varivestis)*

[ ] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A1937	Seed Coat Luster	B216
Leaf Shape	B152	Seed Size	Hardin
Leaf Color	B216	Seed Shape	S30-31
Leaf Size	A1937	Seedling Pigmentation	Hodgson

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	124	2.6	94	4.3	9.3	37.6	21.5	13.0	2-3
B152 · Name of Similar Variety	123	2.1	68	4.9	10.3	36.2	22.2	13.4	2-3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A_2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.

EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

Soybean variety S15-50 is a mid Group I cultivar maturing about the same as S14-60. It has resistance to Races 1-3, 6-9 of Phytophthora megasperma and is moderately susceptible to iron deficiency chlorosis.

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EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership

The soybean variety S15-50 was developed by the Northrup King Co. soybean breeding staff from germplasm sources cited in Exhibit A of this application. Northrup King Co. believes that the variety is novel as defined in the Plant Variety Protection Act and, therefore, that Northrup King Co. is the sole owner of the variety.